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SUBJECT: VISIT BY BENIN MINISTER OF EDUCATION

BENIN DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION CAPTAIN VINCENT GUEZODJE VISITED GUINEA 15-21 FEBRUARY. GOG RADIO VOICE OF REVOLUTION ON FEBRUARY 25 BROADCAST HIS SPEECH AT KANKAN. CAPTAIN GUEZODJE CRITICIZED "FRENCH IMPERIALISM" IN BENIN FOR CREATING "WHITE SCHOOLS" WHICH IN FACT TAUGHT STUDENTS TO SCORN THEIR OWN AFRICAN TRADITIONS AND CULTURE AND TRAINED THEM AS FAITHFUL AGENTS OF COLONIALISM. BENIN PUT END TO THIS IN 1972 BY SWEEPING EDUCATIONAL REFORMS. BENIN MINISTER IN CLOSING HIGHLY PRAISED GUINEAN EXPERIENCE AS MODEL OF SUCCESS IN FIELD OF REVOLUTIONARY EDUCATION. COMMENT: THIS TACTIC OF ALLOWING ATTACKS ON FRENCH APPEARS PARTICULARLY PECULIAR AT TIME WHEN FRENCH AMBASSADOR (FIRST SINCE 1965 ; HAS JUST ARRIVED IN CONAKRY AND GUINEANS PUTTING FRENCH UNDER PRESSURE TO SUPPLY TEACHERS AT ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. HARROP

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